
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Five Volunteer Fire Departments provide ambulance and first responder assistance throughout the County. The fire departments include Bahama, Bethesda, Lebanon, Parkwood and Redwood. These funds reimburse Volunteer Fire Departments for delivery of EMS services in their respective areas of the County, most of which are outside their tax district. Funds from the Community Health Trust Fund will be the source of partial funding for these VFD/EMS services in the amount of \$530,611, with the remaining \$272,830 in support from the General Fund. The total approved funding for FY2003-2004 is: \$802,941.

Department	FY02-03 Approved	FY 03-04 Requested	FY03-04 Approved
Bahama	\$68,269	\$149,762	\$122,884
Bethesda	\$123,931	\$234,028	\$190,116
Lebanon	\$94,026	\$36,700	\$0
Parkwood	\$329,468	\$475,000	\$352,550
Redwood	\$120,137	\$153,254	\$137,391
Totals	\$735,831	\$1,048,744	\$802,941

There are two primary changes from the current fiscal years allocation:

1. Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department

Lebanon moved from their original location, (226 Milton Road), to a newly renovated second station located on Russell Road in July 2002. In order to maintain satisfactory Paramedic response times, the Durham County Paramedic stayed at the original Milton Road site. Due to a lack of adequate resources, Lebanon was unable to maintain necessary staffing at Russell Road and provide staffing assistance for the Paramedic at the Milton Road site. They elected to discontinue the Paramedic staffing assistance, and reduce their level of service to first responder only, while limiting that service to only their fire district. The County has not reimbursed any provider for first responder service in the past, nor do they currently reimburse the City of Durham for their Fire Department first responder participation in the EMS system. As a result, Lebanon will receive no reimbursement for their reduced level of EMS assistance.

2. Bahama Volunteer Fire Department

The reduction in Lebanon's level of service required that EMS find a mechanism to fill the staffing void created by the Lebanon decision to discontinue the Paramedic staffing assistance. That is primarily being done by utilizing Relief EMS staff, and having Bahama provide additional assistance as needed from their part time staff. The assistance provided by Bahama is accomplished with paid staff, and, as a result, an additional 30,000 has been added to their allocation to assist with that expense.